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2. On 1 October 1953, the barracks installation northeast of Ioebau, on the highway to Goerlitz, quartered a fully motorized KVP infantry regiment of about 2,500 men. Officers assigned to the unit included:
Lieutenant Colonel Regis, commanding officer;
Major Kontny, political officer;
Major Amsel, tank officer;
Major Ochsenknecht, whose function was unknown.
Three Soviet advisers ranking as lieutenant colonels were also assigned to the unit.¹
2. Equipment available to the regiment included besides small arms, light and heavy machine guns, light and heavy mortars, at least 5 heavy tanks, 7 T-34 tanks, 10 AT guns, 5 x 76-mm artillery pieces, 5 x 122-mm howitzers, 10 pontoons, a sizeable number of pneumatic boats, about 100 trucks, 30 sedans and a mobile repair shop.¹
3. Every morning, the entire unit fell in for inspection at the drill grounds of the installation. Basic training was daily observed there. Firing with carbines, submachine guns and machine guns was daily practiced at the target range near Sohland. The heavy weapons occasionally left for some days for firing practices at the Muskau-Weisswasser troop training grounds.²

25X1. Comment. The unit mentioned in the present report is not an infantry regiment but the 3d Mech Kommando of Mechanized Bereitschaft Dresden, which was organized from TV 3000. According to KVP defectors, the 3d Mech Kommando, in late August, had a strength of about 1,000 men, but its strength was scheduled to be increased. The personnel strength of 2,500 men as mentioned by source appears to be exaggerated. The officers reported were previously known in the assignments mentioned. Major Ochsenknecht is chief of staff of the unit.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: The 3d Mech Kommando rotate a guard detail to Camp Nochten.

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